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REVIEWS PROGRESS MADE IN UZBEK SSR

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Twenty-five years ago, Uzbekistan adopted the Soviet system of government. This move has resulted in improved living, educational, and health facilities for the Uzbeks.

Today, education is keeping pace with technology. Uzbekistan now has over 4,500 schools, 92 special technical schools which have accommodations for one million students, 34 higher schools, and two well-equipped medical schools (Tashkent and Samarkand which so far have graduated 8,390 doctors, 1,226 of which were Uzbek nationals. Uzbek medical activities are spurred forward by 25 specialists who have doctorate degrees, and more than 200 nationals who are candidates. Thirty-seven of the latter are attending special schools at Moscow and Leningrad for Doctorate preparation.

An efficient medical system in which practically every village council has its medical group and most of the rural communities have some form of medical aid, usually in the form of a surgeon's assistant, is functioning smoothly. Municipal and rayon councils are busily undertaking the unification of hospitals and polyclinics. Recently, special steps have been taken to utilize the special orologico-climatic and balneological features of Uzbekistan, but these fields are still new and in need of much study.

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